

**Amendments to the Claims**

The current listing of the claims replaces all previous amendments and listings of the claims.

**Listing of Claims**

1. (Currently Amended) A distinctive optical fiber comprising:  
an optical fiber core;  
a colored layer coated over the optical fiber core; and  
a plurality of distinctive layers, ~~which comprise ink~~, disposed intermittently in a longitudinal direction of the optical fiber core between the optical fiber core and the colored layer, each distinctive layer comprising fine drops of ink and taking a substantial linear shape, wherein a ratio of a total length of the distinctive layers to a length of the distinctive optical fiber is less than or equal to 1:5.

2. (Previously Presented) The distinctive optical fiber described in claim 1, wherein a thickness of the distinctive layers is from 0.5  $\mu\text{m}$  to 2.5  $\mu\text{m}$ , and a thickness of the colored layer is from 2  $\mu\text{m}$  and to 10  $\mu\text{m}$ .

3. (Previously Presented) The distinctive optical fiber described in claim 1, wherein a length of the distinctive layers is from 1 mm to 15 mm.

4. (Previously Presented) The distinctive optical fiber described in claim 1, wherein an interval between the distinctive layers is from 1 mm to 200 mm.

5. (Canceled).

6. (Currently Amended) The distinctive optical fiber described in claim 1, wherein ~~the distinctive layers are formed from the fine drops~~ drops of ink each having a major diameter from 100  $\mu\text{m}$  to 400  $\mu\text{m}$ .

7-11. (Canceled).

12. (Currently Amended) An optical fiber cable comprising:  
a plurality of optical fibers disposed in a conduit, at least one of the optical fibers comprising:  
an optical fiber core;  
a colored layer disposed to cover the optical fiber core; and  
a plurality of distinctive layers disposed intermittently in a longitudinal direction of the optical fiber core between the optical fiber core and the colored layer, ~~the plurality of each distinctive layers~~ layer comprising fine drops of ink and taking a substantial linear shape, wherein a ratio of a total length of the distinctive layers to a length of the distinctive optical fiber is less than or equal to 1:5.